



LaGrange Library Policy: Patron Code of Conduct

In order to insure constructive use of LaGrange Library facilities, materials, and services, as well as the personal comfort of all patrons, the Board of Trustees has established the following rules for use:

1. Patrons shall be engaged in activities associated with the use of a public library while in the Library.
2. Reasonable quiet is expected, especially in the Reference area. No patron may disturb others using the Library. This is not limited to, but also includes the use of cell phones.
3. Misconduct such as the use of foul or threatening language and gestures, public drunkenness, drug usage, sale or exchange of alcohol or drugs, persistent loud talking and laughing, running, pushing, fighting, sleeping, staring, stalking, soliciting, loitering, littering and other behavior deemed offensive by Library staff will result in expulsion from the Library and suspension of Library privileges.
4. The Library assumes no responsibility for the care and supervision of children. Parents or caregivers must supervise the behavior of their children. Additionally, children under the age of 7 must be supervised at all times.
5. Smoking and eating are not allowed in the Library. Non-alcoholic beverages in covered containers are permitted.
6. Pets are not permitted in the Library. Only animals properly identified as service animals that aid the physically challenged and those involved in Library programming are allowed.
7. Patrons shall not be permitted to enter or to remain in the Library without wearing footwear and without being fully clothed at all times, bathing suits are not considered clothing. Clothing must also be fastened and sufficient to cover the upper body, underwear, and buttocks area at all times. Patrons shall maintain a generally acceptable standard of personal hygiene. Unpleasant body odor which may offend others is considered unacceptable.
8. The Children's Room of the Library is for the exclusive use of parents and their children or adults using resources which are only available in that area.
9. Library materials must be returned on time and in good condition. Overdue materials deprive others in need of those materials.
10. A Library patron who deliberately alters a Library computer database or destroys computer equipment will forfeit all Library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages.
11. A Library patron who vandalizes, steals, or destroys any Library material, equipment or building components will forfeit all Library privileges and will be subject to financial liability for damages.

Any violation of the Code of Conduct may be subject to the forfeit of Library privileges in accordance with the Safety Policy.

Patrons are encouraged to report disruptive individuals to the staff. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the Library Director.

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